

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 17-0144
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Clarke, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett,
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Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Baltimore Development Corporation,
Department of Finance, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of
Recreation and Parks, Department of Public Works, Department of Transportation, Police
Department, Baltimore City Parking Authority Board

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Discounted City Services and Equipment for Nonprofit Events**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that the City grant a 50% discount for City services and equipment
4 used to support a nonprofit event; creating certain exceptions and exemptions; and generally
5 relating to the provision of City support to nonprofit events.

6 BY adding

7 Article 1 - Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies
8 Section(s) 37-1 to 37-3, to be under the new subtitle designation
9 "Subtitle 37. Nonprofit Event Discount"
10 Baltimore City Code
11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Code**

15 **Article 1. Mayor, City Council, and Municipal Agencies**

16 **SUBTITLE 37. NONPROFIT EVENT DISCOUNT**

17 **§ 37-1. DISCOUNT ON CITY SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT COSTS FOR NONPROFIT EVENTS.**

18 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

19 (1) *REQUIRED DISCOUNT.*

20 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, IF THE NET PROCEEDS FROM ANY
21 EVENT ARE TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE BENEFIT OF A QUALIFYING
22 ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FEES FOR

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 CITY SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT USED TO SUPPORT THE EVENT MUST BE REDUCED BY
2 50% FROM THE OTHERWISE APPLICABLE RATE.

3 (2) *QUALIFYING ORGANIZATIONS.*

4 (I) AN ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH
5 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF IT IS:

6 (A) A NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT CHARITABLE OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION;
7 OR

8 (B) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ANY FEDERAL, STATE,
9 OR LOCAL TAXES.

10 (II) ORGANIZATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (1)
11 OF THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDE:

12 (A) THE BALTIMORE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S MAIN STREET
13 PROGRAMS;

14 (B) RETAIL BUSINESS DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS ESTABLISHED
15 UNDER CITY CODE ARTICLE 14, § 11-9. {"BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS"};

16 (C) BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS; AND

17 (D) COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS,
18 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND ASSOCIATED BLOCK CLUBS.

19 (B) *DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED.*

20 THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION MUST SUBMIT SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE DOCUMENTING
21 ITS QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DISCOUNT PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION AT THE TIME THAT IT
22 REQUESTS CITY SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT FOR ITS EVENT.

23 (C) *EXCLUSIONS.*

24 THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF EVENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED
25 BY THIS SECTION:

26 (1) PUB CRAWLS; AND

27 (2) ROAD RACES.

28 **§ 37-2. FEES INELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNT.**

29 THE 50% DISCOUNT REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

30 (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS FEE SCHEDULE; OR

31 (2) FEES IMPOSED BY THE PARKING AUTHORITY.

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1 **§ 37-3. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

2 (A) *IN GENERAL.*

3 THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS
4 SUBTITLE.

5 (B) *COPIES TO BE FILED WITH LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE.*

6 A COPY OF ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE FILED
7 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BEFORE THEY BECOME EFFECTIVE.

8 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance
9 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior
10 Ordinance.

11 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
12 after the date it is enacted.